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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE

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1. ITALIAN PARTICIPANT IN DISCUSSIONS ON ME AT DUBLIN TELLS US THAT CLEAR CONSENSUS WAS EVIDENT, INCLUDING EARLIER OBDURATE UK AND FRG, FOR BEGINNING DIALOGUE ALONG "DE-NATIONALIZED EXPERTS" ROUTE. ONLY A "TECHNICAL HITCH" (DENMARK RESERVED DUE TO LACK OF A GOVERNMENT) PREVENTED FORMAL ADOPTION OF THIS PLAN. SOURCE MADE IT CLEAR SCENARIO WOULD CALL FOR "TWO SIDES", ONE EC AND ONE ARAB WITH "EXPERT PARTICIPANTS" NOT UNDER NATIONAL LABELS.

2. THE SEMI-AGREED TEXT CARRIES SPECIFIC LANGUAGE WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WOULD PROVIDE THAT EC AGREEMENT TO THIS FORMULA WOULD NOT COMPRISE OR IMPLY ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH STATUS AS THE PLO MAY CLAIM FOR ITSELF. THIS PROVISIO WOULD BE CALLED SPECIFICALLY TO THE ATTENTION OF THE "ARAB SIDE" (ALONG WITH A STATEMENT THAT POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE BE PERMITTED IN DIALOGUE) AND ARABS WOULD BE TOLD THAT, IF PLO ATTEMPTS TO USE PARTICIPATION IN EXPERTS GROUPS TO ENHANCE ITS POLITICAL STATURE, EC WOULD PUBLISH THE PROVISIO.

3. SOURCE INDICATED, THROUGH INADVERTENCE WE BELIEVE, THAT THERE MAY BE AN EC AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH PROPOSED TEXT FOR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION WITH ARABS WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER IN "EUROPE" ON HIS RETURN FROM HIS CURRENT MIDDLE EASTERN TRIP. VOLPE

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